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MEMORANDUM FOR: DEPUTY DIRECTOR (PLANS)

SUBJECT : Microjet Proposal

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1. This memorandum is for information only, and no action is required.

2. We were asked by MB Associates to deliver the attached letter and proposal to you. I am going to take the liberty of commenting on this proposal.

3. I believe this proposal is similar to one presented to the Department of Defense some time ago although it contains several different applications. We received Appendix I in the form of a feasibility study through [redacted] two months ago, and it appears to be the only one of possible Agency interest. This was followed in early December by a visit by Mr. Mainhardt. The proposal was evaluated by TSD and presented to the Weapons Panel of the Technical Requirements Board on 7 December. The Panel officially expressed the opinion that the "microjet was a weapon which could be of use to the CS but not of sufficient use for us to underwrite an expensive R&D program in connection therewith".

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4. We understand that the Army is considering this concept in competition with another system which they have under development. It will be some time before their course of action is clear. However, we will keep in contact with them.

5. In view of the lukewarm interest by the Technical Requirements Board, TSD will obtain a proposal for a minimum cost development-only program from MB Associates. A decision then will be made regarding the advisability of continuing any further activity. John Parangasky indicates that they see no interest on their part.

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[redacted]
Deputy Chief, DD/P/TSD

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Letter and Proposal

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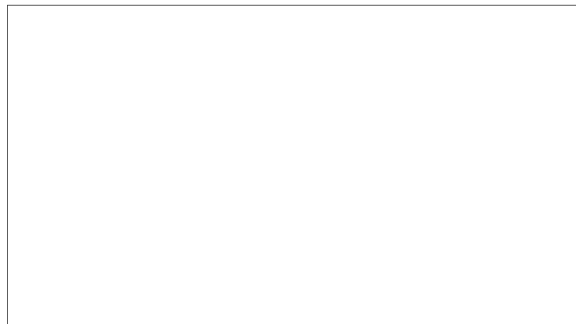
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20 December 1960

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Meeting of Weapons Panel, 7 December 1960

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1. [redacted] announced that he had distributed instructions on the fabrication of wooden box mines to all divisions. In response to a question from [redacted] stated that the instructions could be passed to foreign services with which we were in liaison.

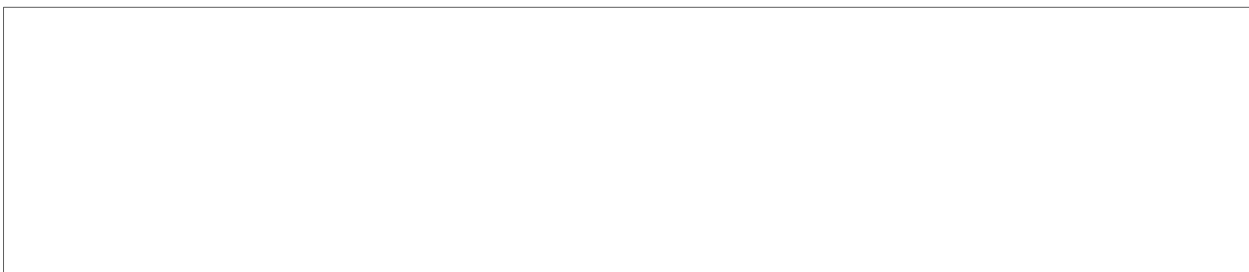
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2. [redacted] next reported on the status of the underwater, torpedo, the improved limpet, and the anti-tank rocket. Final tests on the torpedo, he said, would be accomplished after the first of the year. Regarding the limpet, which currently is being received in lots of 100, testing is underway and TSD will submit its final evaluation of the limpet. Regarding the anti-tank rocket, [redacted] stated that TSD had 50 more of these to test before they could submit their final report. This, however, will be done at an early date.

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